Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 6, lines 15-21 with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention relates to nontumorigenic, virally-immortalized human hepatocyte cell lines, that can be maintained in serum-free media, and produce endogenous plasma proteins, such as albumin, α-1 antitrypsin, blood clotting factors VIII and IX, and inter-α-inhibitor proteins (IαIp). In a preferred embodiment, the nontumorigenic, immortalized cell lines comprise the Fa2N-4 (ATCC Accession Number 5566) and Ea1C-35 (ATCC Accession Number 5565) cell lines deposited under the terms of the Budapest Treaty at the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC), ~~12301 Parklawn Drive, Rockville, Md.~~ Manassas, VA, on Oct. 6, 2003

Please replace the paragraph on page 16, lines 12-19 with the following amended paragraph:

This invention relates to virally-immortalized hepatocyte cell lines, which may be derived from normal primary human liver cells, have the ability to proliferate in a serum-free media, are nontumorigenic, and are capable of producing endogenous plasma proteins, such as albumin, α-1 antitrypsin, blood clotting factors VIII and IX, transferrin and inter-α-inhibitor proteins (IαIp) but do not express alpha-fetoprotein when measured at the protein level. In a preferred embodiment, the nontumorigenic, immortalized cell lines comprise the Fa2N-4 (ATCC # PTA-5566) and Ea1C-35 (ATCC # PTA-5565) cell lines deposited under the terms of the Budapest Treaty at the American Type Culture Collection, ~~12301 Parklawn Drive, Rockville, Md.~~ Manassas, VA, on Oct. 6, 2003.

Please replace the paragraph on page 19, lines 18-20 with the following amended paragraph:

The Fa2N-4 (ATCC # PTA-5566) and Ea1C-35 (ATCC # PTA-5565) cell lines were deposited under the terms of the Budapest Treaty at the American Type Culture Collection, ~~12301 Parklawn Drive, Rockville, Md.~~ <u>Manassas, VA,</u> on Oct. 6, 2003.